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North Korean West Coast Command

1. In May 1952, the North Korean West Coast Command¹ included the 211, 262, and 239¹ units. Each unit was composed of three companies, the 239 Unit was commanded by O Il-yong (0702/2480/7893).
2. The commanding general of the West Coast Command was HAN Il-sŏng (7281/0001/2052), the chief of the political department was KIM Ŭl-kyu (6855/0044/1145), the chief of staff was KIM Wŏn-tu (6855/0337/2435), and the chief of rear services was KIM Myŏng-yang (6855/2494/7122).

Coastal Patrol Group

3. On 13 May 1952, a coastal patrol group, numbering 400 men, of the North Korean army 547 Unit was at Songhang-ni (126-00, 37-56) (BT-3602), where it was patrolling the nearby coastal area and maintaining close liaison with the local police stations. The coastal patrol group was commanded by Major CHO Kwang-cho (6392/0342/4373). The coastal patrol group left Sinch'ŏn (125-30, 38-21) (YC-1847) on 17 March 1952 and was in the Sinwon (125-44, 38-13) (YC-3933) area until 10 May, when it moved to Songhang-ni. In Songhang-ni the troops were billeted in dug-outs and the officers were quartered in village houses.

1. Comment. [redacted] on 1 June the North Korean Army designated the IV Corps as the West Coast Special Task Force. The 239 Unit is the code name for the 23 Brigade which is subordinate to the North Korean IV Corps, according to the [redacted]

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